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1960s*

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1897 10 23

Sir - Cannot something be done to stop this frightful nuisance of organ-grinding? I have rooms in Trinity Street and as I write the organ has been "going on" for nearly an hour. The "Washington Post" is a fine march and "Come back to Erin" a delightful melody, but not when repeated eight or ten times over. The routine of coaching work is quite monotonous without further annoyance at the hands (and handles) of the lazy riff- raff of Italian Whitechapel - M.A.

1900

1903 01 16

Samuel Sleigh, formerly occupier of the Blue Boar Hotel, Trinity Street, Cambridge, sued an architect for damages. In 1899 he took the lease of the Blue Boar which was very much out of repair, both structurally and otherwise. Trinity College, the owners, recommended Coulson and Lofts to carry out alterations and consented to expend £3,000, but no more. When the costs went over budget he had been sued for the extra but claimed the architect had been negligent. His case was dismissed

1903 01 26

An undergraduate told the court he was riding his motor car in Trinity Street, Cambridge. Opposite the entrance to Rose Crescent the car suddenly stopped in consequence of something going wrong with the gear. A hackney carriage was coming along and he held up his hand, thinking there was not sufficient room for it to pass the car. The cabman did not stop, but swore and carried on. The cab came into contact with the motor car and two mudguards were bent. The cab-proprietor was fined 5s.

1905 02 25

The Cambridge Amateur Dramatic Club completed its 50th year of existence with a dinner in the Guildhall. It has experienced financial embarrassment and its defaulting cashier; it has been served with writs; in its early days it suffered from something nearly akin to ostracism. A Royal patron and social and official recognition followed. The first performances were given in lodgings over a shop in

Trinity Street, then moved to a room at the Hoop Hotel. In 1856 one of its members while escorting some ladies to a ball underwent the unpleasant experience of being served with a writ for £50 due to a carpenter 05 02 25a

1907 08 10

Messrs Macmillan and Bowes, the well-known booksellers, have recently acquired the house over their premises at the corner of Trinity Street. On the new staircase, designed by Mr T.D. Atkinson, hangs a portrait of 'Maps' (John Nicholson) and old views of Cambridge. In the new reading room are exhibited manuscripts and autograph letters from Wordsworth, Tennyson and Thackeray. One room is devoted entirely to Cambridge material of which Mr Bowes published a catalogue in 1894. 07 08 10 & a

1909 05 14

A cavalcade of six horses, with postilions, attached to a brake containing a party of gaily-clad undergraduates, created a good deal of amusement and surprise. Trinity Street was drowsing in the hot sunshine and steeped in its usual placidity, when with a clatter of horses' hoofs the turn-out dashed in among the shoppers and bicycles and drew up opposite Trinity College. It was the latest undergraduate attempt to achieve the bizarre. 09 05 14

1910

1910 06 24

Archaeology: animal and human bones near Trinity Street – 10 06 24b

1912 09 20

Bankruptcy – Arthur Clarke, stationer in Trinity Street, Kirtling builder. Lt Downham smallholder -12 09 20a

1912 10 25

P.C. Smith told the court he was in plain clothes in Trinity Street when he saw an eleven-year-old boy carrying his cap in his hands. It looked rather bulky and was found to contain walnuts. The lad admitted he'd put his hand through a hole at the back of Whitehead's stall on the market and taken them. His mother said he was unruly at home and went out in the evening when he had no business to do so. Magistrates sentenced him to six strokes of the birch. If he re-offended he would be sent to the reformatory school 12 10 25aa

1913 06 06

Death Henry Hitzman, sub-postmaster, Trinity Street 13 06 06 p7

1916 03 01

Cambridge Borough Tribunal – Matthew of Trinity St have had 60 men enlist, only one left in hardware department; Cambridge Chronicle apply for machine minder – 16 03 01c

1916 07 26

Heroic Officer. Cambridge has sustained some heavy losses during the present month, and prominent among them has been the death, through wounds, of Captain Robert W. Michell, R.A.M.C., better known to Cambridge people as Dr. Michell, he having been in practice here for some years, occupying premises in Trinity Street, nearly opposite Caius College, of which he was a member. An accomplished oarsman, he was in much request as a rowing coach. Every afternoon during Term he was to be met down the river advising either the crews of his own college or others, for Dr. Michell was always ready to give instruction to those who wished for it. He possessed a charming personality and was extremely popular with everyone who frequented the riverside. His death occurred in a private nursing home in London on Wednesday last from wounds received at the Front on July 3. Capt. Michell was wounded whilst performing an act of great gallantry, for which, we understand, he had been recommended the Victoria Cross. 16 07 26

1916 10 11

Pratt & co, tailor established 1865, 28 Trinity Street premises have been refurbished – 16 10 11c

1917 04 11

Mr W.A. Macfarlane-Grieve. The death took place of Mr. William Alexander Macfarlane-Grieve at 9.40 on Sunday night at his Cambridge residence 35 Trinity Street, at the age of 72 years. The deceased gentleman was educated at St. John's College, Oxford, where he proceeded to the degrees of M.A. and Sc.L. In the year 1896 he became an incorporated M.A. of the University of Cambridge. He also held the degree of F.S.A. of Scotland of which he was always very proud. Mr. Macfarlane-Grieve bought Impington Park shortly before joining Clare College. He was known to be a staunch Conservative, although he had never taken any active part in the various campaigns, nor did he take any active part in the public life of the district. He was, however, an active member of the County Bench, being created a magistrate in 1903. It was only a fortnight ago since deceased's eldest son, Lieut. A. R. Macfarlane-Grieve of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was killed in action (March 17) and he also lost his daughter recently. He leaves a widow and three sons, all holding commissions in the Army. 17 04 11

1919 02 22

Newsboys in Court. At the Cambridge Borough Juvenile Court, two errand boys were summoned for shouting newspapers to the annoyance of inhabitants in Trinity Street and Bene't Street, Cambridge. They pleaded guilty. The cases were dismissed. 19 02 22

1920

1920 05 05

Appointment. At a meeting of the County War Pensions Committee, held at Cambridge on Saturday, candidates for the post of cashier and accounts clerk were interviewed. Six applicants appeared before the Committee and ultimately the appointment went to Mr, G. B. Hosegood, of 89 Mill Road, Cambridge, who prior to the war was cashier and ledger clerk at Messrs. Matthew and Sons, Trinity Street. Subsequent of demobilisation he has held the position of finance officer at the local Employment Exchange. 20 05 05

1924 10 17

Holiday Snaps. Why don't you make lantern slides of your holiday snaps. You will be surprised what pleasure it will give the youngsters to see themselves on the screen. Call and ask us about it. The winter evenings are coming on. Get ready for them, and make the youngsters happy. W.F. Turner, the Camera House, Trinity St, Cambridge – advert

1925 02 28

We regret to announce the death of Mr Cyrus Johnson, the well-known portrait painter. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Elijah Johnson who founded the Cambridge bookselling firm in Trinity Street. Born at Cambridge he was educated at the Perse school and afterwards studied in Paris. He exhibited at the Royal Academy as a portrait painter in 1877 in which branch of art he achieved much distinction. He resided in Cambridge from 1916 until last year. (funeral 5th Mar p6)

1927 10 29

The fascinating experience of lunching in Cambridge in the atmosphere of our Elizabethan forefathers is made possible by the opening of new rooms at Messrs Matthew's Café in Trinity Street. They have acquired the two upper storeys of the building & turned rooms which were formerly part of a lodging house into a charming medieval retreat. The original beams and window frames remain as well as some beautiful old carvings and the rooms have been furnished in the style of the period, pains having been taken to secure faithful reproductions even down to lamps and pewter pots.

1928 09 01

Sir – if you walk into King’s Parade, Cambridge you see on your right, stretching almost indefinitely to Trinity Street a long varied row of shops – tailors, photographers, booksellers and cafes – in fine all the indications of the necessities of modern life. You may linger before window displays of the latest dance record, buns and cakes, photographs of college eights, and books and books. You notice the windows reflect your new summer suiting and admire its fashionable cut. Yet turn round and your gaze encounters minarets and towers, white gleaming the sunshine. Great walls, vulnerable with tradition, frown coldly down at you and you feel absurdly out of place in your flannel trousers and double-breasted coat – “Awe-struck”

1929 02 14

A serious fire broke out at Caius College, Cambridge. Two rooms in Tree Court were completely gutted and others badly damaged. Policemen attracted by the blowing of a whistle in Trinity Street got a hydrant in the courtyard to work and the Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene but the inside of the building was almost a furnace. The fire was quickly got under but not before considerable damage had been done, including the falling in of a large part of the ceiling. The firemen experienced bad conditions owing to the intense cold, the water froze on their clothing and icicles were left hanging from the ledges

1930

1932 05 25

‘Varsity Weekly’, an undergraduate newspaper conducted on sensational lines, claimed that errand boys had been sumptuously entertained by members of the University in rooms in Trinity Street. As a result the writer was challenged to a duel. But police were waiting outside Girton College when a car drew up early in the morning. Inside they found three fencing epees with their protective buttons cut off and the points filed down to needle sharpness. 32 05 25b

1934 10 22

Thousands greeted the King and Queen when they made their way to the new University Library. Washing and cooking alike was forgotten in hundreds of homes as women formed a great part of the crowds which were thickest in Trinity Street where undergraduates in cap and gown added to the number. Of all the wonderful products of man’s skill in art and labour the Library must rank of one of the most inspiring and peculiarly permanent of our national institutions and with while clouds scudding over its lofty tower this unique building occupied the centre of a delightful scene. An exceptionally good film of the visit, taken by Gaumont especially for the Victoria Cinema will be shown next week. 34 10 22 & 25

1935 10 25

The first new Morris 8-10 cwt light van in Cambridge has been supplied to Matthew and Sons Ltd of Trinity Street. It is revolutionary in its design with an offset engine mounting and a large rear opening for loading. The spare wheel, an eyesore on even the most attractive car, is neatly concealed in a carrier which incorporates the rear number plate. It has dipping headlights and traffic signal arms. The most remarkable feature is the price of £169 10s. in ship grey with blue or green paint three pound extra. 35 10 25

1936 02 21

A new Blue Boar hotel, refined and distinctive yet homely has been taking shape in Trinity Street. A new Georgian cornice and canopy has been installed with flood-lighting producing a beautiful effect. Internally structural alterations, redecoration and refurbishing make the hotel a place of comfort and restful beauty with every modern refinement to ensure the enjoyment of residents who have a choice of gas, coal or electric fires in the bedrooms. The main lounge was originally a cobblestone yard into which coaches were driven. It was covered in in 1900 36 02 21 advert – 36 02 22a

1936 03 28

Under new restrictions Cambridge motorists may not travel from Market Hill towards Trinity Street or into Bene't Street from King's Parade. You may not drive into Sussex Street from Hobson Street or into Corn Exchange Street from Downing Street, nor turn at Burton's Corner, Petty Cury to go to the Victoria Cinema or from Wheeler Street into Peas Hill to get to the Arts Theatre. But cyclists may walk with their bicycles either way as they do at present in Petty Cury and Market Street. Restaurants will have to speed up their service if they wish to cater for those who leave their cars outside, for only a quarter of an hour is permitted. Travellers who do not want to get indigestion had better make use of a parking space! 36 03 28b

1936 08 15

Old buildings at the back of shops opposite the 'Blue Boar' in Trinity Street caught fire. This is one of the densest areas with much valuable property including several college buildings. Trinity College fire-fighting appliance tackled the blaze from the back and the brigade's water tower fire engine was soon at work. Onlookers had a laugh when a frightened mouse was seen running along the pavement among the hoses. But the storehouse at the rear of Roper's shop was burnt out. 36 08 15

1937 07 17

Trinity college remove railings in front of college chapel, Trinity Street – photo – 37 07 17a

1939 08 02

Turner & sons, Trinity Street was founded by John Leach, chemist and photo dealer 50 years ago and taken over by W.E. Turner in 1912; has one of the most modern photographic developing and printing factories at Humberstone Road – 39 08 02b

1940

1941 05 15

New Kitchen Club under Ministry of Food scheme in Trinity Street; equipped with electric and gas cookers – 41 05 15

1941 11 07

New Magistrates. Two new borough magistrates were sworn in by the Mayor of Cambridge (Ald. E. O. Brown) on Monday. They were Mr. Bernard John Matthew, of The Thatched Cottage, Caxton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Cole, of 99 Hawthorn Way, Cambridge. Mr. Matthew, managing director of the well-known Trinity Street firm of Messrs. Matthew and Son Ltd., is a former President of the Cambridge Rotary Club, and now holds the office of honorary secretary. Mrs. Cole has for some years taken a leading part in adult education matters, and has been especially active in her work for the Workers Educational Association. Her particular interest has been in the sphere of local government. She is a keen supporter of the Co-operative movement. 41 11 07

1945 01 05

Runaway Pony. At about 11.20 a.m. on Tuesday a pony and trap was left outside Messrs Holland and Blackwell's shop in Pembroke Street, when the pony took fright. It turned into Trumpington Street and ran towards King's Parade land at the corner of Bene't Street and King's Parade struck a lamp standard. The trap and harness were damaged, and the pony having freed itself, ran along King's Parade and Trinity Street, being finally stopped uninjured in St. John's Street, It caused no further damage.

1947 05 14

Filmgoers who have seen Miss Betty Grable's previous films with doubtless find her latest something of a novelty for "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim" shows her as one of the first typists, taping merrily on the keyboard of one of the first typewriters ever manufactured, nearly 80 years ago. There is an added novelty however, inasmuch as a machine similar to the one she uses is actually owned by a Cambridge resident who taught herself to type on it many years ago. This collector's piece is the property of Miss M. Pate, proprietress since 1900 of the University Typewriting Office in Trinity

Street. Before that it was owned by Oscar Browning of King's College and bears on the lid a handwritten note saying it was "seen with much interest and tried by George Eliot" when on a visit to Mr Browning

1948 06 01

Today the one-way traffic system designed to relieve congestion in the centre of Cambridge came into operation. In Sidney Street and Bridge Street the traffic will flow in a northerly direction towards Magdalene Street from the town centre, while in St John's Street and Trinity Street it will flow in a southerly direction towards King's Parade. In Green Street traffic will flow in one direction from Gifford Place to Trinity Street - and the remainder of Green Street will be open for two-way traffic. This extension of "one-way" traffic will link up with the system now in operation at St Mary's street, Market Hill (north side) and Market Street

1950

1950 10 16

For the past half century Miss Minnie Pate, director of the University Typewriting Office in Trinity Street has been serving the University and its scholars. And now the University is acknowledging the value of her services by conferring upon her the distinction of an honorary degree. She was one of the first typists in Cambridge and taught herself on one of the first typewriters ever to be seen here – which is still kept in her offices.

1953 03 14

The site of England's oldest bookshop has just changed hands for the 14th time in more than 350 years. Messrs W.H. Smith have acquired Bowes and Bowes' shop on the corner of Trinity Street which has a heritage of bookselling, publishing and binding that goes back as far as 1581. In 1807 it belonged to John Nicholson, son of the celebrated 'Maps' who went his rounds of the University with a moveable stall laden with textbooks and called out "Maps and pictures". Later Kingsley and other literary men held 'tobacco parliaments' on religion and politics, Wordsworth reclined there, Thackeray dined there and Tennyson first read "Maud" in the Long Room, now the Foreign Department.

1953 06 25

Customers calling at the grocery department of Matthew and Son in Trinity Street, Cambridge, have been startled to find, in the midst of all the food displayed – a caravan! Strictly speaking, 'caravanette' is a more accurate description, for it is not much larger than an ordinary farm-car trailer. It can be hauled behind an 8 h.p. car or even a motor-cycle combination, yet provides ample sleeping accommodation for two people and has a miniature kitchen. Moderately priced, it is likely to prove one of the most popular models that Cambridge Caravans Ltd have produced.

1954 08 13

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Lloyd's Bank in Cambridge. In 1804 two brothers named Foster who were already trading as millers established a bank in Bridge Street. In 1835 they transferred to the Turk's Head in Trinity Street and opened branches in St Ives, Saffron Walden and Ely. In those days two members of staff were boarded on the premises, one sleeping on a bed in front of the strong room armed with a rusty sword. At no time was the building left unattended. In 1890 they acquired a site at the junction of Hobson Street and a new building in Renaissance style was opened in 1894. The Capital and Counties Bank took them over in 1904 and 14 years later they amalgamated with Lloyd's. In 1919 the two offices were merged and the Sidney Street premises chosen as the main branch. In 1935 a considerable extension was built on the corner site.

1957 09 14

Trinity College has started its first large-scale works this century. They will reconstruct nos.29-34 Trinity Street with hardly any alterations to the facade. The shops will remain on the ground floor but

everything above is to be reconstructed to house 43 undergraduates in a small new court. This will reduce the overcrowding resulting from the termination of military service. 57 09 14 & a

1960's The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings from this date

1960

1960 06 08

Queen Mother opens Trinity Angel Court, started 1957 to house 45 undergraduates to help reduce overcrowding resulting from termination of military service & anticipated baby-bulge, but will still need licensed lodgings. She travelled by normal passenger train and was fifteen minutes early arriving at the college where she showed interest in some of the ancient pottery discovered during excavation work. Later a crowd of several thousand people gave her a rousing send-off as her special launch left the forecourt of the Pike and Eel at Chesterton to take her to watch the May Races on the River Cam 60 06 08 & a [6.14]

1960 10 22

The British Council's new International Centre in Trinity Street is a club formed to promote international friendship and understanding by providing a social and cultural centre for foreign residents in Cambridge and their English friends. 60 10 22

1961 11 17

Buckets of water cascaded over undergraduates who marched along King's Parade as a protest against having to wear gowns. About 250, many without gowns, walked four abreast to the Senate House escorted by a solitary policeman. Other students chanted 'Keep the Gown'. When they reached Senate House Hill three Proctors accompanied by two Bulldogs took down some of the names – they are liable to a fine of six shillings and eightpence. The only 'casualty' was a Bulldog who had his top hat snatched by an undergraduate who ran off in Trinity Street 61 11 17b

1962 09 27

St Michael's Church in Trinity Street is "an intolerable disgrace", says the Vicar of St Mary the Great, its sister church. Now there are plans to turn it into a modern parish hall with kitchen for meetings while the east end will become a small chapel for prayer. The massive restoration scheme will cost £10,000 and to promote it the church will be flood-lit. The youth club will give a show on the lines of a 'Review' and operate a 'talent scheme' where young people will be given money to be taken away and multiplied. 62 09 27

1962 10 13

Pratt, Manning and Co of Trinity Street, Cambridge's oldest bespoke tailoring firm, is to close. It was established in 1865 by Thomas Pratt and acquired by Ald H.T. Wing in 1897. Until the First World War about 80% of the trade was from undergraduates who ordered three or four suits at a time. Today students on grants cannot afford high prices for hand-made clothes and they rely on professional and business men for their trade. Customer's patterns and records will be transferred to their London office and a cutter will visit Cambridge at regular intervals. 62 10 13a

1962 12 29

Reconstruction of Matthew's restaurant in Trinity Street would provide three modern restaurants – a separate steak bar, a wine and cheese bar and a chicken and ham restaurant. It would probably be called 'The Turk's Head Restaurant'. The British public should be able to have wine with their food and were becoming more educated to this fact because they 'occasionally escaped abroad', an Inquiry was told. Mr Bernard Matthews, managing director, said the firm was leasing the restaurant from Trinity College who were not opposing the application 62 12 29

1963 05 15

In 1869 William Weatherhead purchased the business of John Hatt, a bookseller and printseller in Union Street, now Peas Hill. Then in 1886 took over an established stationers' shop in Trinity Street. The two merged at his death in 1907, added a wholesale department and flourished until 1936 when they moved to its present premises in the Caius College development on Market Hill. Now it has been acquired by W.H. Smith 63 05 15a

1964 05 02

Matthews is to close their grocery shop in Trinity Street – 64 05 02

1964 12 02

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Trinity Street = 64 09 03 Deacon's Bank opens a branch in a 19th century Georgian building in Trinity Street. The banking hall has illuminated writing desks for customers, with a night safe, interview room and manager's office. Although new to Cambridge William Deacon's Bank can trace its history back to 1771 and was acquired by the Royal Bank of Scotland in 1930. It is strongly represented in the North but has been extending and now has a network of over 250 branches. 64 12 02a

1969 02 13

W. Heffer & sons open new children's bookshop in Trinity Street, plan to move main shop from Petty Cury – 69 02 13

1969 06 06

Sainsbury's want two self-service shops to replace their antiquated premises in Sidney Street, one in Trinity Street, the other in the Kite – 69 06 06, 06a

1970

1970 08 18

Heffers to move bookshop to Trinity Street – 70 08 18a

1970 10 02

Heffers open new bookshop, Trinity St – 70 10 02

1972 06 08

Two long-haired students from the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology picked the wrong moment to walk into a Cambridge restaurant. It was about the time of day that the cafe's manageress had seen enough shoulder-length locks to last her a lifetime. And she refused to serve the students at The Whim in Trinity Street. The students claimed they were subjected to a stream of almost hysterical abuse and told they were dirty and disgusting. The manageress said she had tried to be patient but found it difficult to run a business when customers filled up the restaurant for hours at a time having only paid 5p for a cup of tea 72 06 08

1972 09 26

The Wolfson Building of Trinity College, Cambridge, once described as a liner stranded in a dry dock, opened its doors yesterday for an official tour of inspection. The building rises lozenge-shaped behind the historic and preserved facades of Trinity Street in the city centre. It is topped by two large winged roof-lights, which, the architects said, were added deliberately to be a modern feature of the city skyline. The scheme provides rooms for 125 Trinity students. Beneath the college buildings are the commercial premises which include the Sainsbury supermarket, Heffer's booksellers, Horne's the men's outfitters and Barclays Bank.

1976 05 21

The Turks Head Berni Inn, Trinity Street, Cambridge, sucks inside an almost relentless stream of visitors. The upstairs bar serves ducking and scampi but we were heading for the simple steak sort of menu. Our two schooners of sherry cost 32p each and the wine, Cotes de Rhone, £2.34. The food was

worth a wait. We had rump steak (£1.91) and a fillet steak (£2.73) which were very tasty, with chips, peas and tomatoes. We followed up with chocolate icecreams, which were included in the main course price. We could have had instead cheese and biscuits. Other offerings were Dover sole (£2.44) and Sirloin steak (£1.89).

1977 07 01

All the customers in Berni Inns' Tudor Bar in Trinity Street, Cambridge looked like shoppers rather than office workers and it seems surprising that they have not discovered this quite spacious place to have lunch. The menu is not extensive but is reasonably priced; it includes a ploughman's lunch with either cheese or pate (65p), sandwiches and, in theory, cottage pie (46p) – but the chef was not at work. I tried the only hot pie available which the assistant "thought" was chicken and mushroom. As far as I could tell it was beef. Having spent only £1.50 between us we felt justified in lashing out on the speciality – liqueur coffee. At 51p it was an extravagance, but absolutely delicious

1977 09 19

Veteran charity fundraiser Snowy Farr led about 150 children around Cambridge city centre with the intention of filming the opening sequences of a children's television series in which he stars. But Snowy took the wrong turning and helpful police radioed around the route trying to locate him; over-exuberant children kept overtaking his bike; cats fell off the trailer and the goats couldn't get through the crowd. And then, to cap it all, sirens screamed and blue lights flashed as three fire engines raced up Trinity Street to the Whim Restaurant. The whole thing was organised by a group of independent cameramen who are planning to sell a series to foreign television networks.

1978 02 04

He used to stand at the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street in Cambridge, touting his wares. Every few minutes he would break out into a chant which sounded something like "Toodle-odde-aidie-ar". One day I couldn't stand it any longer – not knowing what it meant. So I went up and asked him. "Two o'clock late London", he said, not so much as raising an eyebrow. "Paper, sir?" Every community, in every day and age, has its 'characters', even if there never seem to be quite as many about as there once were. Today busker Jerry Bol happily makes an exhibition of himself as a one-man band, while 'Snowy' Farr and his menagerie delight thousands of people with their weekly Saturday appearances.

1978 02 23

Shopping Guide decided to investigate the cost of a cup of tea in Cambridge snack bars. Best value for money was The Whim in Trinity Street where a pot of tea costs 15p and with a jug of hot water and plenty of milk you can get three cups for your money. Worst was the tea and coffee counter at the Arts Theatre Roof Garden where you pay 15p for one cup. Thornhills in Regent Street was the best for choice as you can have a cup (8p) or pot (18p) whilst at the Coffee Pot in Green Street you pay 20p for a pot that held four cups, if you had the thirst to match it. Joshua Taylor is the only department store which has a coffee or tea shop but has a lunch-time minimum charge

1980

1980 11 13

The effect of sand-blasting masonry is dramatic; a building which has faded into drab insignificance under decades of dirt reveals subtle details of a mason's art. Take the Whim in Trinity Street, Cambridge. Cleaning has revealed a beautiful mellow honey-coloured stone dressed decorative carving work and topped by a turret that wouldn't look amiss on a fairy-tale castle. It has been treated with a colourless silicone wash to make it water repellent while still allowing it to breathe. This makes it self-cleaning. 80 11 13b

1983 12 13

An old Cambridge family business which closed 20 years ago is being 'revived'. Matthew and Son was once a prosperous department store founded in the 1830s in Trinity Street with its own tea rooms

and restaurant. It closed in 1963 because of high rents but now the great-great-nephew of the founder, Michael Matthew, has started up the tea and coffee business again in much humbler surroundings of a market stall. 83 12 13 p12

1984 02 03

The Turks Head sign swings once more in Trinity Street. Its unique charm lies in the eccentric architecture and ancient beams with rich red carpeting and soft lighting. The Tudor grill room can cater for 200 and with so many nooks and crannies they can usually find room for diners. The new charcoal grill will do delicious things to steaks and chops and there is an extensive table d'hôte menu offered at £3.95 for three courses with wine at £3.95 a bottle. 84 02 03 p29

1985 07 24

The Blue Boar Hotel in Trinity Street may be demolished and replaced by student accommodation, a lecture theatre and new shops. The façade would be saved with a new restaurant and wine bar on the ground floor. Trust House Forte are not a bit worried about its closure as the former 'showbiz hotel' was falling behind present standards. It was difficult to stop outside the entrance, parking was non-existent, few of the bedrooms had private bathrooms and many had a poor view. 85 07 24

1986 10 16

Bowes and Bowes, Cambridge's oldest bookshop, marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new. The building on the corner of Trinity Street started as a bookshop under William Scarlett in 1581. It was acquired by Daniel and Alexander Macmillan who in 1845 laid the foundations for one of the largest publishing firms in the world. It became a literary centre where figures like Thackeray and Charles Kingsley were frequent visitors. Now it has been completely redesigned and reopened under its new name of Sherratt and Hughes. 86 10 16

1987 03 13

Cambridge's traditional transport, the bicycle, will be deliberately used to slow down city centre traffic. The medieval central streets will be made even narrower which will make it even more difficult to overtake bikes. Traffic restrictions will also be introduced, including the banning of taxis. The streets have been reshaped and cleaned up with York stone used in areas considered 'visually sensitive'. But workmen in Trinity Street have been delayed by having to remove hundreds of wooden blocks dating back to the days of horse-drawn vehicles 87 03 13b

1987 04 28

One of Britain's oldest booksellers, Deighton Bell in Trinity Street, which dates back to 1700 and specialises in antiquarian and rare volumes, has been sold to nearby Heffers. It takes them back to second-hand books, a department it gave up in 1974 because of lack of space. Then they had sold their stock to Deighton Bell and had maintained a good relationship ever since. The shop will remain on the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street and continue to be run by John Beech his staff 87 04 28

1987 06 26

The Victoria Cinema site on Market Hill is to become a Marks and Spencer store following an Inspector's decision. M & S is planning to put up a completely new building behind the existing façade and the store will also stretch into the shoe shop next door. Refusing permission would not have saved the cinema as the owners wanted to sell the property. But planners fear traffic chaos unless the firm is responsible about deliveries: they can as of right bring huge great articulated trucks down Bridge Street and Trinity Street in the middle of the working day if they so wish. 87 06 26

1988 04 14

For half a century Roger Asbury has coaxed women's hair into place while listening to their confidences and problems. There has been an Asbury cutting hair in Cambridge since his father, Wilfred, took over a business called Alma Mater in Trinity Street in 1919. Perms were very different when Roger started in hairdressing at 17. In his Cherryhinton Road salon he keeps the old perming

equipment from the days when women would sit with their hair in curlers strung up to an electrical machine. In those days they expected perms to last six months. 88 04 14a

1988 07 23

A.A. Roper's traditional tailor's shop in Trinity Street is closing after nearly 80 years and three generations of trading. Stanley Roper, son of the founder Arthur, is retiring as is 77-year-old cloth-cutter Fred Bland who is irreplaceable – his is a dying craft outside London. David Roper is sad to close the shop but says "It is not like before the war, when we used to make suits for five guineas – today the same suit would cost £300" 88 07 23a

1989 12 14

W & G Taylor of Trinity Street, one of Cambridge's oldest family menswear shops, is closing after 809 years of business. The firm started when George and Walter Taylor (no relation) who both worked at Ryder and Amies, decided to set up in business together but now a threefold increase in the lease is simply beyond their means. The shop describes itself as a gentleman's outfitters and specialises in hats. Bowlers for Cambridge colleges have been a regular line of business. 89 12 14

